



La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter Fact Sheet

WHAT: La Mesita is a 30-unit family shelter that provides services to help homeless families with minor aged children become self-reliant. Services include:

- temporary emergency housing
- case management
- family development center
- licensed childcare services
- provision of basic living needs
- adult resource center

La Mesita provides two 1,250 square-foot units to accommodate larger families and/or residents with disabilities. La Mesita is the only emergency shelter in the East Valley providing a broad array of services to homeless families.

WHO: Homeless families are referred by city CAP (Community Action Programs) and complete a screening process before placement. Residents agree to seek employment and work toward self-sufficiency during their stay for up to 120 days.

WHERE: 2254 W. Main Street (north side between Price and Dobson roads)
Mesa, AZ 85201 (480) 834-8723

WHEN: Established in 1991 and joined A New Leaf in July 1998.

WHY: On a given day, there are over 26,000 homeless individuals in the state of Arizona and only 6,850 shelter beds. La Mesita provides services to about 400 residents each year.

HOW: La Mesita receives funding from State, Federal and local East Valley City Governments, Mesa and Valley of the Sun United Way and a variety of charitable organizations. La Mesita also receives support through fundraising, donations, volunteer services and by bingo operations at A New Leaf's *Riverboat Acres*.

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A New Leaf: Helping Families... Changing Lives through Homeless and Domestic Violence Shelters, Youth and Community Programs.

Employment Opportunities: Human Resources (480) 464-7466, apply online.

Call (480) 969-4024 for reasonable accommodation on information, services and employment.

Hearing impaired call TDD (800) 367-8939.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to stay at La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter?

La Mesita accepts homeless families with children.

2. How long can families stay at La Mesita?

La Mesita is a four month program, during which time families work with case managers to find permanent or transitional housing.

3. How many people per year are served?

La Mesita typically serves 100 families a year averaging 400 adults and children. La Mesita can house 30 families in their very own unit at one time.

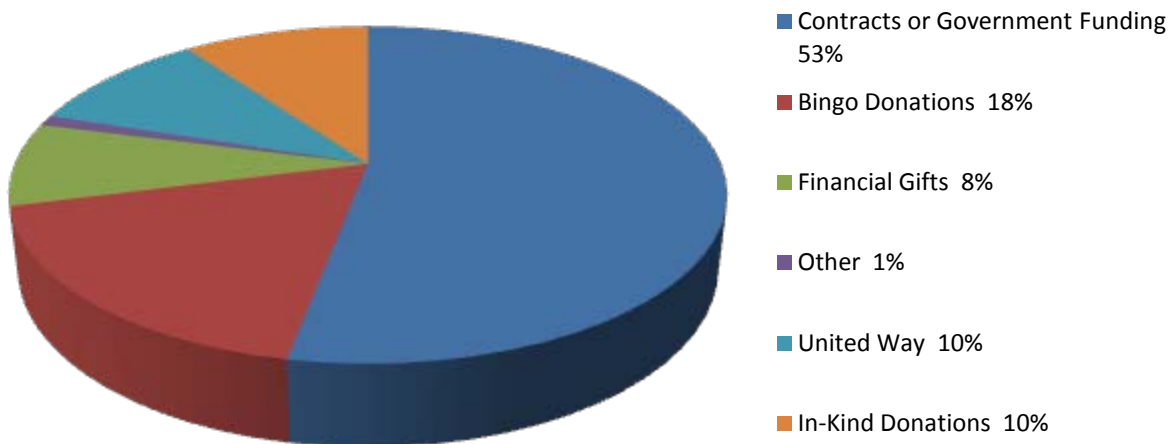
4. How are families referred to La Mesita?

Families are referred to La Mesita through Maricopa County's CONTACTS (Community Network for Accessing Shelter) hotline, friends, relatives, community agencies and city placement agencies.

5. How can I help?

You can help La Mesita by giving a donation online, participating in an annual drive or volunteering. To find out more about ways to help visit www.TurnaNewLeaf.org

A New Leaf's La Mesita 09-10 FY Budget \$1,146,909



La Mesita's shelter, basic needs and case management costs (approximate):

- Parent @ \$25 a day for shelter services x 120 days = \$3,000
- 3 children @ \$25 per day x 120 days = \$9,000

In order for parents to become self-sufficient, they must be seeking employment or working. Our children's programming is imperative to the success of our entire program at La Mesita. On any given day, 65 children reside in A New Leaf's La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter.

- A \$30 contribution provides **one day** of childcare to a homeless child.
- A \$150 contribution provides **one week** of childcare.

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